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PRINCIPLES

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SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS SEEN THE REVISED TEXTS AND SHARES
US POSITION THAT, IN SPITE OF IMPROVEMENTS, THEY REMAIN
OBJECTIONABLE. WHILE IT WOULD APPRECIATE OUR VIEWS
ON THE SUBJECT, THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS INCLINED TO
BELIEVE THAT NONE OF THE DRAFTS WILL BE READY FOR
SUBMISSION DURING THE 20TH SESSION AND THAT M'BOW
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WILL BE CONTENT WITH MERELY SUBMITTING A REPORT TO
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. WE DISCUSSED THE US CONCERNS ON THE DRAFT MASS
MEDIA DECLARATION WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL
DIRECTLY CHARGED WITH UNESCO AFFAIRS (WELLHAUSEN).
WELLHAUSEN CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG HAS SEEN COPIES OF

THE UNOFFICIAL TEXTS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION. HOWEVER, THE FRG HAS REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THEM SO AS NOT TO LEND THEM ANY UNDUE WEIGHT. WELLHAUSEN SAID IT HAS BEEN THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S IMPRESSION THAT THEIR PRESENTATION DURING THE 20TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE WAS MOST UNLIKELY.

2. WELLHAUSEN BELIEVED THAT THE DRAFT TEXTS DID NOT MEET THE 1976 RESOLUTION'S REQUIREMENT THAT THEY ACHIEVE THE "LARGEST POSSIBLE...AGREEMENT." DG M'BOW WAS AWARE OF THIS AND, IN WELLHAUSEN'S VIEW, WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT ANY OF THE REVISED TEXTS AS A FINAL DRAFT. THE PHRASEOLOGY OF THE 19TH SESSION RESOLUTION OFFERED M'BOW A WAY OUT (PERMITTING HIM TO "PROPOSE ANY OTHER ACTION") AND HE WOULD PROBABLY SUBMIT ONLY A REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS TO DATE. WELLHAUSEN SAID THE FRG HAS BEEN ACTING ON THIS ASSUMPTION (SUPPORTED BY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ITS MISSION IN PARIS), BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY AND OUR VIEW ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE RESOLUTIONS ACTUALLY BEING TABLED DURING THE 20TH SESSION.

3. WELLHAUSEN EMPHASIZED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE FRG'S POLICY OF OPPOSITION TO THE RESTRICTIONS
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ON THE MASS MEDIA IMPLIED IN THE DRAFT TEXTS. THE FRG LOOKS FORWARD TO CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE US ON THIS ISSUE BEFORE AND DURING THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.
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